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Meeting of the National Integration Council

*49. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convene a meeting of the National Integration Council to discuss the deteriorating communal situation in the country ; and

(b) if so, by when the meeting is likely to be convened ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) It is proposed to hold the National Integration Council Meeting very shortly. The exact date will be intimated as soon as fixed.

New Textile Policy

*50. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review the New Textile Policy, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) Government have set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Abid Hussain, Member, Planning Commission to review the progress of implementation of the June 1985 Textile Policy and to assess its impact on different sectors of the Textile economy. A review of the Textile Policy would be undertaken after receipt of the report of this Committee.

IMF Loan to meet External Debt

*51. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state :

(a) what is country's external debt at present ;

(b) whether Government are considering for another IMF loan to get rid of external debt ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) The external debt outstanding of the country is estimated to be Rs. 66831 crores at the end of March, 1989.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

चाय के मूल्य में वृद्धि

*52. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में देश के विशेष रूप से दक्षिणी क्षेत्र में चाय के उत्पादन में गिरावट के कारण